

after determining at the network access server that the authorized user is authorized to connect to the appropriate one of the plurality of unrelated host computer networks;

automatically creating an ending time stamp at a conclusion of the remote access call;

storing the starting and ending time stamps for the remote access call in a user log in the network access server, the starting and ending time stamps associated with the list of authorized users whereby the user log contains a record of computer time usage for each authorized user;

receiving a long distance telephone company report containing charges associated with each of the respective unrelated host computer networks;

for each of the plurality of unrelated host computer networks, generating a billing summary listing charges for each user and each department within a host computer network by accessing information from the user log and the telephone company report with a billing application; and

electronically transmitting each billing summary to an appropriate one of the plurality of unrelated host computer networks.

Please add the following claim:

12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein generating a billing summary further comprises generating a list of fixed charges and generating a list of help desk charges for each of the unrelated host computer networks.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment corrects claim 11 and adds new dependent claim 12 directed to an aspect of the inventive subject matter disclosed in the original specification. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a marked-up version of amended claim 11 is attached as Appendix A. Applicant notes that these claim amendments contain all the material that was on inadvertently omitted page 12 in the application papers filed on December 18, 2001. As these claim amendments are fully supported by the